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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/5/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2, 4, 5, and 10 are objected to because of the following informalities: the recited limitation "and/or" is not clear what is claimed in the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Regarding claim 10, the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

4. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 2, the word "means" is preceded by the word(s) "antenna" in an attempt to use a "means" clause to recite a claim element as a means for performing a specified function. However, since no function is specified by the word(s) preceding "means," it is impossible to determine the equivalents of the element, as required by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. See *Ex parte Klumb*, 159 USPQ 694 (Bd. App. 1967).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. **Claims 1 – 10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Umeda et al. (US 2002/0150228):

Regarding **claims 1 and 8**, Umeda teaches that a fixed transmitting station of a wireless telecommunication system (pages 3, paragraphs 26 – 28 and Fig. 1). Umeda teaches that measurement means for electromagnetic field measurements of an electromagnetic environment of the antenna (204 in Fig. 3) (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 53, where teaches measuring and determining changes in the electromagnetic wave environment may be detected in the communication terminal according to cell determination or transmission quality monitoring). Umeda teaches that transmitting of data being indicative of a measurement result to a central control unit (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 54, where teaches notifying of the electromagnetic wave environment measurement result of detection to report to central network).

Regarding **claim 2**, Umeda teaches that the measurement means being mounted on the antenna (204 in Fig. 3) (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 53, where teaches the antenna of the terminal measures the electromagnetic wave

environment). The antenna (204 in Fig. 3) means being coupled to at least one cable for transmitting of radio frequency up-link and down-link signals (Fig. 3 and pages 4, paragraphs 35 – 38, where teaches an antenna being coupled by cable line to communicating section for communicating (transmitting of radio frequency) uplink and downlink signals) and the at least one cable being connected to the measurement means in order to couple the measurement means to a power supply or for transmitting of the data being indicative of a measurement result (Fig. 3 and pages 4, paragraphs 35 – 38, where teaches an antenna being connected by cable line to detecting section for measuring electromagnetic wave environment and coupled to power supply section (inherently coupled to power supply section, otherwise, it can not operate) for transmitting of the measurement result data of electromagnetic wave environment).

Regarding **claim 3**, Umeda teaches that data processing means for monitoring of the data (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 53, where teaches measuring and determining changes in the electromagnetic wave environment may be detected in the communication terminal according to cell determination or transmission quality monitoring).

Regarding **claim 4**, Umeda teaches that the data processing means being adapted for the assessment of electromagnetic field levels or a drift of electromagnetic parameters being related to the electromagnetic environment (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 55, where teaches processing for measuring and setting of electromagnetic field levels (weak state or normal, comparing of reception levels)).

Regarding **claim 5**, Umeda teaches that the data processing means being adapted to generate a report or alert message for the central control unit (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 54, where teaches generating and notifying of the electromagnetic wave environment measurement result of detection to report to central network).

Regarding **claims 6 and 9**, Umeda teaches that controlling of at least one network parameter of the wireless telecommunication system based on the data (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 55, where teaches controlling based on the electromagnetic wave environment measurement result of detection of a network of the wireless communication system).

Regarding **claim 7**, Umeda teaches that the central control unit being an operations and maintenance centre (Fig. 1, 2 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 55, where teaches central network being operation and management).

Regarding **claim 10**, Umeda teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 1 and 6. Furthermore, Umeda further teaches that inputting of data being indicative of a measurement result of an electromagnetic field measurement of an environment of an antenna of a fixed transmitting station of a wireless telecommunication system (Fig. 3 and pages 5, paragraphs 47 – pages 6, paragraphs 55, where teaches measuring and determining changes in the electromagnetic wave environment may be detected in the communication terminal according to cell determination or transmission quality monitoring, and notifying of the electromagnetic wave environment measurement result of detection to report to central network).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gelvin et al. (US 7,020,701) discloses Method for Controlling and Processing Data Using Internetworked Wireless Integrated Network Sensors.

Berman et al. (US 2004/0129890) discloses Real Time Remotely Programmable Radioactive GAS Detecting and Measuring System.

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pm. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Edward Urban**, can be reached on (571) 272-7899. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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